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San Joaquin Valley Chapter

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American Guild of Organists

**Executive Board
2011-2012**

April 2012

<p>Dean: Catherine Walker 559-658-7376 home 559-906-3068 cell</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH CHOIRS ARE SINGING, SINGING, SINGING!</p> <p>“to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music....” That is part of the AGO Mission Statement. So let’s see how choral music is encouraged by two of our members.</p> <p>The Central Valley Seventh-Day Adventist Church presented the 2012 Choir Festival on March 25, under the direction of Joy Gaje, Organist and Director of the Central Valley SCA Church Chamber Choir. Dr. Dan Jackson, Guest Clinician worked with 6 choirs during the afternoon, and directed the combined choirs for the evening program. The choirs who participated were receptive to Dr. Jackson’s suggestions and his inspiration. The acknowledgements thanked Dr. Jackson for his time and generosity in sharing his gifts and talents, thanked Joy Gaje and Dr. Anna Hamre who envisioned the event and made it a reality, and gave credit to the choirs who prepared music so that their choral singing could be strengthened. All the singers and the listeners present hoped that this is the first of many festivals for the Central Valley.</p> <p>On March 9 – 10 Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church in Oakhurst hosted the Sierra Choral Festival, under the direction of Catherine Walker, Organist/Director. Singers from the choirs of Oakhurst Lutheran Church, New Community United Methodist Church, and the Christ Church Anglican, added numbers to the choir from Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church. Seven singers from other cities also joined in. Allan Robert Petker, Composer/Conductor did vocal training, and the choir prepared five anthems during rehearsals on Friday evening and Saturday for a public program at 4:30 that day. Mr. Petker is the Artistic Director for the Santa Clarita Master Chorale, the Consort Choral from the Bay area, and the Minister of Music at the First Presbyterian Church, San Pedro, CA. He is also Director of Publishing for Fred Boch Music Co., and his own publishing company, Pavane Music. This is Mr. Petker’s 13th year with Sierra Choral Festival. The festival has commissioned three anthems by Mr. Petker over the course of the 13 years, in honor of three hard working singers of the festival.</p> <p>There are probably more exciting things happening with choirs that you know about. Send your stories to Catherine Walker and we’ll print them in our next AGO newsletter.</p>
<p>Sub-Dean: Faye DeLong 559-897-2394 home 559-269-4431 cell</p>	
<p>Recording Secretary: Andrea Belau 559-897-7076 home 559-285-3097 cell</p>	
<p>Treasurer: Lee Todd 559-683-0867</p>	
<p>Education Coordinator: Richard Cencibaugh 559-222-6351 home 559-349-5162 cell</p>	
<p>Board Members: Helga Medd Laurell Huber Zella Woods Lynda Roberts Ruth Andersen Sharon Massingill</p>	

AGO MASTER CLASS – ORGAN PLUS
with Dr. Alison Luedecke

Saturday, April 14, 10:00 am
Holy Family Episcopal Church
1135 E. Alluvial Ave., Fresno
No Admission Charge

Participants: Jan Goyette, natural trumpet, accompanied by Cactus Harris
Larry Belau, oboe, accompanied by Andrea Belau
Yuliya Hess, violinist, accompanied by Jacqueline Johnson
Lyle Peters, tenor, accompanied by Catherine Walker

The Reiger Chamber Organ, built in 1949, was once Dr. Luedecke's personal instrument.
It toured the US as a promo for Rieger. It is a two manual chamber organ with 22 ranks and pedal.
The platform on which it sits is composed of pedal bourdon pipes.

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ORGAN ARTISTS SERIES / KEYBOARD CONCERT
Dr. Alison Luedecke, Concert Organist

Sunday, April 15, 3:00 pm
CSUF Concert Hall
Admission Charge: General, \$18 – Seniors, \$12 – Students, \$5
Tickets available at www.csufresno.edu/music/concerts/ or 559-278-2654

Organist, Harpsichordist Dr. Alison Luedecke is very active as a solo concert artist and has performed across the US, Canada, Europe and at regional and national conventions of the AGO. As an ensemble musician, Dr. Luedecke performs with, and is a founding member of the Millennia Consort, California's premiere "organ plus" ensemble which presents unique, dynamic programs that feature works through the millennia. As a recording artist she has been heard numerous times on "Pipedreams." She received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance at Eastman School of Music as a student of David Craighead. She is currently Associate Organist at St. James by the Sea Episcopal Church in La Jolla, CA.

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Proposed Slate of Officers for SJV/AGO for 2012-2013:
Dean – Laurell Huber
Sub Dean – Catherine Walker
Recording Secretary – Andrea Belau
Treasurer – Lee Todd
Education Coordinator – Richard Cencibaugh

Members at Large:
Terms expiring 2013 – Ruth Andersen, Lynda Roberts
Terms expiring 2014 – Helga Medd, Sharon Massingill
Terms expiring 2015 – Faye DeLong, Jo Dull

Additional nominations to chapter election slate may be made by written petition signed by at least five voting members and sent to the chapter secretary by April 15, 2012. The chapter secretary is Andrea Belau - 1801 20th Ave., Kingsburg, CA, 93631

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Coming Events:

- Saturday, April 14, 4:00 pm - Hope Lutheran Church – Fresno Choral Artists – "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord"
A Tribute to the American Spiritual – featuring soloist Susan McDonald – Silent auction and refreshments.
Contact Catherine Walker for tickets (658-7376)
- Sunday, April 29, 3:00 pm – University Presbyterian Church - Eight Guys and a Doll – presented by Fresno Pipe Organ Academy - Contact Laurell Huber for more information. (222-8114)
- Saturday, May 5, 8:00 pm – Paul Shaghoian Concert Hall – Fresno Community Chorus Master Chorale – "King David"
by Arthur Honegger – Contact Catherine Walker for tickets (658-7376)